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Spring City Anniversary Reunion

The 150th anniversary of the founding of Spring City, Utah, was a highlight of the Allred Family Reunion there, June 28 and 29. Nearly 300 people celebrated, learned more family history, made and renewed friendships during the reunion sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Allreds.

An anniversary cake, made possible by Linda Allred Bronson, was in the main assembly room during the reunion. Attendees were able to enjoy the cake Saturday afternoon.

Family members seemed to enjoy the layout of

the reunion, especially the seven different family lines that were highlighted: William Hackley Allred, Reddick Newton Allred, Sally Allred Ivie, Isaac Allred (son of James and Elizabeth Warren), William Moore Allred, and Paulinas Harvey Allred. Many liked it enough to request, or at least talk about, "What lines are you going to highlight next year." If looks as if we will do something similar next year. If you that have a request for a specific line you would like high-

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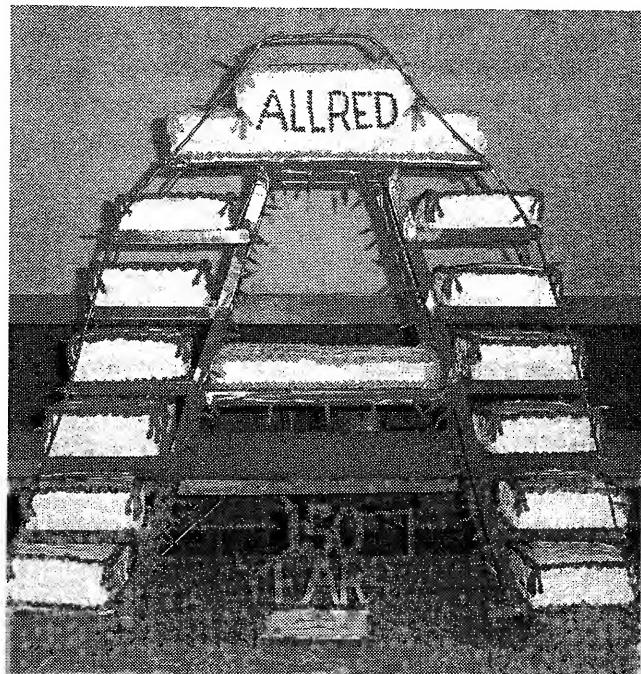
Celebrate 250 Years of Allreds in Randolph County, NC

Solomon Allred received his first land grant March 10, 1752. This is the oldest known Allred land record and the first documented proof that the Allred family was living in North Carolina. The celebration of this land grant is planned for September 6 - 8, 2002, Randolph County, NC.

For those who can arrive early, the North Carolina State Archives in downtown Raleigh is the site of the activities on Friday, September 6. There you can see the original wills and estate documents written by Solomon, John, Thomas Allred, Jeremiah York and William Trogdon.

Many members of the North Carolina York and

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The 150th Spring City, Utah, founding by James Allred, was celebrated with a large cake prepared by Linda Allred Bronson. Reunion attendees enjoyed eating the cakes.

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lighted for next year, please contact me.

I want to express from the bottom of my heart, a big and hearty “thanks” to those who headed the seven family lines that were highlighted. They all did a wonderful job. The success of this reunion is greatly due to their efforts and hard work.

Thank you Gene and William Mounteer, Jerry Lynn Lloyd and father, Jerry M. Bradley, Brookie C. Swallow, Eric K. Allred, Sherral Goodrich and Dawnell Griffin, Alice Pottmyer and Jackie Loyola, and Bernell Coons and daughter, Carolyn Lundgren. Each of these had others that helped them and provided information for each booth. However, there just isn’t enough room to name them all. I hope that if you see them, or have their addresses, that you would drop them a line and thank them for their good work.

We collected \$295 for the Allred Family Roster, \$300 for Allred family research, and \$109 for the Manti Temple heritage fund. The money for each of these events was matched by the RMA funds. Don Allred received \$600 for the roster. Dawnell Griffin received \$600 to help her in the research in Pennsylvania. We are hoping this and some more will enable her to go to Pennsylvania, to do research there in an effort to prove our lineage. The Manti Temple Heritage Fund received \$218.

If there are any of you that didn’t get a chance to fill out the reunion evaluation form and would like to comment on any specifics that you feel we could improve, please jot them down in a letter or an email to us at the address listed below.

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I sent out many invitations through April, May, and June, for the reunion, and we feel it very successful. A big thanks to Bill and Bob Olson, for the wonderful flyer they produced and provided for this mailing. It has produced 18 new AFO members, and there is a big possibility that it even more will join before the end of the summer.

Thanks every one, especially those RMA committee members who helped make this reunion a success. And thanks especially to all of you that put forth the effort to come and attend and participate. Thanks again! Cousin,

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Texas Reunion October 12 - 13, 2002 Keller, Texas

Our Texas Allred reunion began as a way of getting the descendants of Calvin (1871-1951) and Ellena Allred Rowland (1882-1973) together. Ellena descended from the “original” Thomas who first appeared in North Carolina land records in 1755. The first two reunions were held in Calvin and Ellena’s hometown of Quanah, TX.

In October, Allreds from many different branches of the family tree are expected at the reunion in Keller, TX. Keller is located about 30 miles north of Fort Worth on Highway 377. DFW International Airport is approximately a 20 minute drive to the reunion site.

The Senior Center, 600 Johnson Dr., Keller, is the reunion site. The activities begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 12, for a social “meet and greet” afternoon. Bring your family photos and family history information to show off to everyone. A potluck supper follows. The Sunday activities begin there at 10 a.m. For further details, contact Miron Cloud, 817/444-4397 or skipcloud@prodigy.net

Allred DNA Project

There are many questions about the Allred family that no one has been able to find the answers for. Four of my favorite questions are:

1. Those first four Allred men who appeared in North Carolina in the 1750's: Thomas, John, Solomon and William, were they brothers?
2. Jeremiah York lived near Solomon Allred in Chester County, PA (just south of Philadelphia) in the 1720's. Jeremiah lived near those four Allred men in Randolph County, NC. Coincidence, or were they related?
3. Were these men descended from the Allred family of Eccles Parish, Lancashire, England?
4. Many Allred and York families have not been able to find documentation linking them back to any of these four Allred men or Jeremiah York. Are these "mystery" families related to us also?

Science has progressed to the point that DNA is now able to answer these questions. The DNA test will tell participants if they have an ancestor in common and a range of generations back that ancestor is on the family tree. Example: Let's say one of John's GGGGGGGGrandsons and one of Solomon's GGGGGGGGrandsons are tested. Their

tests show that they a common ancestor seven generations back. Then we will know that John and Solomon were brothers.

This DNA test is a saliva test using a tool that looks like a giant cotton swab that you run around the inside of your mouth. To read more about the test kit, go online to: www.familytreedna.com/kit.html.

Participants must be male descendants from an all male descendancy line. As part of the Allred DNA Project, participants will be charged a reduced price of \$99 per participant.

Family Tree DNA (www.familytreedna.com), a Houston, TX, company that specializes in DNA testing for genealogy purposes is the company selected. Visit their Web site to learn more about DNA testing and the Family Tree Reconstructions projects.

If you are interested in participating, contact Linda Allred Cooper, project coordinator, 919/542-3077 or lacooper@mindspring.com.

The more participants we have, the more proof we will have to find the elusive answers to these important family tree questions.

Linda Allred Cooper

Allred Family Cookbook

The Allred Family Cookbook is finally ready! It is 133 pages and contains 200 delicious recipes and family photos scattered throughout. Cost: \$15 if you pick it up, \$20 if we mail it to you. Ordering your copy is easy. Send a check or money order to:

Allred Family Cookbook
c/o Sara Allred
8906 Woods Dairy Road
Denton, NC 27239

Make checks payable to Sara Allred.

All proceeds are evenly divided between the Allred Family Roster and the Allred Family Organization. Remember, Christmas is just around the corner. Orders received before November 15 will be delivered in time for holiday giving.

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Trogdon, who have married into the Allred line, plan to attend the reunion.

On Saturday, September 7, the reunion at Grays Chapel School, offers the opportunity to view family history, learn Allred research information and news.

There is a covered dish/pot luck lunch at Noon.

At 2 p.m., Linda Allred Cooper, Dennis York and Amanda Lindley will conduct a research session. An auction and raffle conclude the Saturday activites.

On Sunday there is a day-long tour of Allred sites in Randolph County. This includes a visit to the original family land which dates back to 1752 and the Allred-Trogdon Cemetery. The group will stop for lunch at Captain Tom's Seafood Restaurant and dinner at Ryan's Family Steakhouse in Asheboro.

Grays Chapel School is located at the intersection of Old Liberty Road and Highway 22 in northeast Randolph County, NC.

For more information contact, Eddie Clay Allred, 336/629-1229, Eugene Allred, 336/629-9219 or Hollis Allred, 336/241-2516.



Graves of William and Elizabeth Diffe Allred in the Allred - Trogdon Cemetery will be visited by those attending the September Randolph County Cemetery.

We Own

by Linda Allred Cooper

The front page of newsletter issue No.51 told you about finding the graves of the "original" William Allred and his wife Elizabeth Diffe Allred. These graves are located in the long abandoned Allred-Trogdon Cemetery in Randolph County, NC, near the land where William and Elizabeth lived. An extremely exciting find - one that we're still celebrating!

Now we have even more news to share. Even before we knew William and Elizabeth were buried in this cemetery, members of the East Coast Allreds were already talking about ways we could clean up, preserve and protect these graves. After the discovery, we were "on fire" to gain possession of the cemetery and preserve it for future generations. Through discussions with the landowner, 84 year old Alton Garner, we learned he was talking to a local developer about possibly selling the land - including the cemetery. Yikes! That might mean houses, apartments, a shopping center built beside or around the cemetery - limiting or maybe even eliminating our access to it. A careless bulldozer operator could easily destroy the entire cemetery in a matter of minutes. Yes, destroying a cemetery is against the law. But, out in the woods where no one is watching - let's face facts. It happens all the time.

Plan Generated

So, ECA members put their heads together and immediately began making plans to gain possession of the property. Dennis York used his investigative skills to research the deeds and educate himself on cemetery ownership, tax laws, tax-exempt status (application process) and how to incorporate the ECA. James Eugene Allred used his friendly "good ole boy" skills and began talking to Mr. Garner about possibly giving the cemetery to the ECA in exchange for a tax credit. Harlan and Becky Allred Sexton found a surveyor and arranged to have the cemetery surveyed - quickly. (And they paid for

The Cemetery!

it!) The rest of us met with them, exchanged numerous e-mails and phone calls every day, consulting, advising, asking and answering questions.

Within a few days, Dennis had filed the necessary paper work to have the ECA incorporated. Our new official name is East Coast Allred Family Association, Inc.

Dennis then began the almost overwhelming job of filling out all the paper work needed to apply for Federal Tax Exempt Status 501(c)3. A detail filled 36-page document! In a marathon six-hour meeting, Dennis, James Eugene, Harlan, Becky, Linda Allred Cooper, Nancy Martin and Hollis Allred (with W. Darrell Allred on the phone part of the time) worked through this form, answered all the questions, and had it in the mail the next day.

Bylaws Created

Three days later Dennis, with the editing skills of Nancy and Darrell, had created a brand new set of Bylaws for the ECA. In less than two weeks, we had accomplished work that usually took several months.

Eugene and Dennis presented everything to Mr. Garner - then we all sat back and held our breath. Would he give us the cemetery - or not? We waited for over a week - then the phones began ringing.

YES! The cemetery was ours! But, there was a "catch," a small problem. Although we had applied for the 501(c)3 tax exempt status, we had not received approval yet. Therefore, we couldn't give Mr. Garner a tax credit for his "gift" of the cemetery.

Genealogy Society

Once again, Dennis came to our rescue. He quickly contacted the Randolph County Genealogy Society and asked if they would take temporary possession of the cemetery.

The RCGS is already 501(c)3 tax exempt and could give Mr. Garner the tax credit. Then, when the

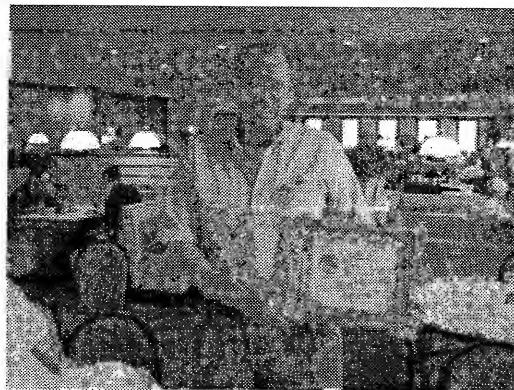


Photo of Dennis York accepting a Certificate of Appreciation for his hard work on the cemetery project.

ECA is approved for 501(c)3 status, the RCGS will transfer ownership of the cemetery to us. When the RCGS agreed, Dennis and James Eugene quickly met with a lawyer to have the necessary legal documents drawn up. With a Notary Public in tow, they went to visit Mr. Garner and had everything signed and notarized. Everything was filed in the Register of Deeds office the next morning and Hooray! We own the cemetery.

What a busy few weeks that was! Like a whirlwind! During that time we also had two meetings with the entire ECA membership present to discuss and approve everything. Thirty to 35 members were present each time. Have you ever tried to "round up" that many people on short notice - and get everyone to agree on something? But, we did it!

The graves of William, Elizabeth, and everyone else buried there are now ours to preserve and protect. The cemetery is a big responsibility, but one that we are very proud to take on.

Many, many thanks to everyone involved in the process! It was inspiring and exciting to see all the teamwork. Now everyone reading this should make plans to visit Randolph County and see "our" cemetery.

Restorations in the St. Charles, Bear Lake County, Idaho Cemetery



While reading the *Allred Family Newsletter* for Spring 2002, No. 50, I could not help but think that so many of our ancestors tombstones are in need of repair or replacement. Over the last year, Erma R. Allred Pugmire, daughter of Ernest Wilkes and Orissa Elizabeth Rich Allred had stones replaced and another reset.

These stones are all in the St. Charles, Bear Lake County Cemetery, in southern Idaho. The three single stones were only marked by the funeral type markers set in cement. The double stone had been broken several times and was difficult to read. Mother said many times, "If someone will not replace and repair our ancestor's tombstones, when some of the older ones pass on, no one will know who or where the family has been laid to rest."

The stone for William Moore Allred and his wife, Orissa Angela Bates Allred was reset. William Moore Allred was born in Bedford County, Tennessee, to Isaac Allred and Mary Calvert Allred. The line is William Moore, Isaac, William, Thomas.

Roger Pugmire
Box 102
St. Charles, ID 83272

Petition For A Divorce in 1842

In the Spring 2002 issue of the Overton County (TN) Historical Society's (OCHS) Genealogy Newsletter, page 17, you'll find the following divorce petition. As you know, divorce was very unusual in 1842, which makes this so interesting. This court case was found in the Overton County Court Minute Book 1839 - 1844 which was transcribed recently by Mrs. Vonnie Looper Munnerlyn for the OCHS.

Document page 341 & 342
June Term 1842

Petition for a Divorce

Susan Allred

vs.

David (or Daniel) Allred

Be it remembered that this cause came on to be heard upon the 29th day of June 1842 before the Honorable Abraham Caruthers, Judge, presiding upon petition proof and judgement for confessed when it appeared to the court that a copy and subpoena had been regularly served upon Defendant that petition had been taken for confessed that defendant and petitioner resided in Overton County at the time of their separation and had for more than two years before their separation that defendant willfully and maliciously abandoned petitioner as charged in petition. It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed by the Court that the bonds of Matrimony heretofore subsisting between the said Susan and the said David (or Daniel) be annulled and for nothing esteemed and that the said Susan be restored to all the rights and privileges of a feme sole and that the defendant pay the costs of this proceeding.

The AFO exchanges newsletters with the Overton County (TN) Historical Society. As you can see from the document above, this arrangement benefits both organizations. Whenever the

OCHS prints information about the Allred family, it is either passed along via this newsletter, or posted on the AFO web site

(www.allredfamily.org). The copies of the OCHS newsletter are then presented to the Randolph Room (Asheboro, NC) where researchers can access them.

If you would like more information about the OCHS, write to:

Overton County Historical Society
P.O. Box 753
Livingston, TN 38570

Submitted by Linda Allred Cooper

Allred, Tennessee

Allred, Tennessee, lies at the confluence of Puncheon Camp Creek and the West Fork Obey River. Indians camped at Puncheon Camp for years. They would hunt, fish, cultivate the rich river-bottom land, and make arrows from the flint outcrops in the area. Allred formed as a community around 1900 as the first large-scale bandmills moved into the area to process the virgin timber from the native forests.

Allred lies halfway between the foot of Cub Mountain to the south and Alpine Mountain to the north. The tiny community lies in a deep valley at 900 feet above sea level with the Cumberland Plateau escarpment towering on three sides with elevations exceeding 1800 feet. The setting makes for possibly the most picturesque part of Overton County. There is gentle rolling farmland and the majestic West Fork Obey River at the base of the valley.

Allred was named after the Allred family, who were among the first permanent settlers of the rugged area. A trustee of the University of Tennessee, Ernest Allred purchased several thousand acres of mountainside and valley land and settled into the area just after 1900.

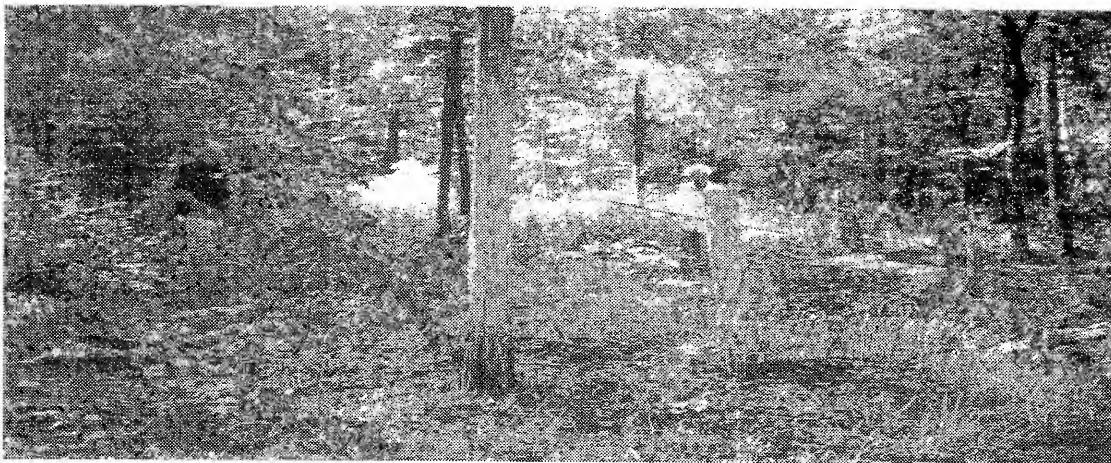
Descendants of the "original" Solomon Allred settled this area of Tennessee. Overton County is 434 square miles located 90 miles north and east of Nashville. The 2000 population was 20,118. For further information on Overton County see www.overtonco.com.

Restoring a Family

Allred cousins gathered in Lincoln County, Mississippi, June 1, 2002, to spend a day cleaning and restoring the Allred Family Cemetery located there.

This cemetery is located back in the woods off

Gene Road, about 12 or 13 miles southwest of Brookhaven, MS. Ezekiel Allred (1816 - 1884), his second wife Louretta Wainwright Allred (1841 - 1926), and several of their family members are buried there.



In this "before" photo, this abandoned cemetery had been neglected and was almost entirely lost in the woods, covered with weeds, vines and underbrush. The "Crew" was made up of cousins: Hazel Lucille Davis, Rodney Elwood Allred, Robert Lee Anderson, Rodney Elwood Allred, George Ezekiel Allred, Thurman Leland Allred, Beverly Sue Pogue and Daisy Adele Davis Pogue - all descendants of Ezekiel. The hard work took all day, but look at the results in the photo below! The cemetery is clean and neat, tombstones repaired, cleaned and re-set, and a new fence surrounds it, protecting it from the forest creatures.



Cemetery in Mississippi

Ezekiel was the son of Azariah (also called Ezra) Allred who is thought to be the son of Phineas. Phineas was the son of the “original” Solomon. As you know, the “original” Solomon Allred died in Richmond County, NC, in 1782. His son, Phineas, disappeared from North Carolina land records after the 1800 census. He next appeared in the 1810 census for Barnwell County, South Carolina, living near his brother, Jonathan. Per this census, Phineas had children, but unfortunately, their names are not listed anywhere. However, Azariah soon appears in records and seems to have close ties to Phineas, leading us to believe he was Phineas’ son.

Azariah, his father-in-law, John Bowlin, and their families moved to Mississippi



in 1810, documented by Georgia passports needed to travel through “Indian Territories.” Azariah’s son, Ezekiel, was born in July 1816 in Franklin County, Mississippi. The family remained in and around this area through today.

To learn more about this cemetery and family, contact George Ezekiel Allred at georgio@mail.ida.net or 2788 Tipperary Lane, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83404.



From left, Robert Anderson, Rodney Elwood Allred, George Ezekiel Allred, and Thurman Leland Allred. This were just part of the crew working in the cemetery that day.

An Allred



Family of Aaron A. Allred and Sarah Emma Burk, about 1905. Back row: Roe, Zelphia (or Ophelia), Amanda Elizabeth (Lizzie) Second row: Ophelia (or Zelphia Jane), Jonathan, Artie, Phoeba Melvina (Viney), Preston Eugene, Louetta. Front row: Aaron holding Ausbin, Sarah Emma holding Argie, Kizzie and Roxie. Photo was submitted by Marilyn Cain. Aaron's family line is: Solomon, Johnathan, Aaron. Yes, his name was spelled Johnathan. This family lived in Carroll County, Arkansas.

Family Album



John Archie Watson, his wife, Florence Virginia Thetford Watson, and their three oldest children: from left, Preston Thetford Watson, Lillian Elizabeth Watson and John A. Watson. John Archie and Florence are buried in Kilborne, Louisiana. Photo contributed by Evelyn Watson Elliott (John A's daughter) and new AFO member from Oklahoma. Family line: John Archie Watson, Mary Elizabeth, William Burt, Dr. John, Jonathan, Solomon.



Harold and Rachel Hall Allred celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at a surprise party held in their honor June 29, 2002. More than 300 friends and relatives gathered to exchange stories, share memories, and enjoy dinner at the Moose Lodge in Siler City, North Carolina. The party was hosted by Harold and Rachel's nieces: Linda Allred Cooper, Beverly Allred Lassiter, Dianne Andrews Allred, Benjie Clapp Fowler and Debbie Clapp Keck. Harold's family line is: Harold, Jesse Booker, George Scotton, Emsley, Jesse.



Wilson Monroe Allred was born December 1, 1828, in Bedford County, Tennessee, to William Hackley and Elizabeth Ivie Allred. He died September 38, 1910, in Price, Utah. His line was: Wilson Monroe, William Hackley, James, William, Thomas.

Allred Reunion in Alabama

Approximately 100 Allred cousins gathered in Cullman, Alabama, for a reunion on Sunday, June 2, 2002. Most were descendants of Thomas Allred, Jr., son of the "original" Thomas, however, many different branches of the family were also represented.

Prior to the reunion, Allred cousins, Martha Jo Allred, Dewel Lott and Woody Jackson spent two days showing Allreds from Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina various Allred sites in the area. Saturday, Woody's sister, Ruth Ashwander, opened her beautiful anti-bellum home to everyone for a relaxing evening of southern hospitality. Ruth and Woody's wife, Jane, served homemade appetizers while everyone looked through photo albums and shared family stories. Lawrence Allen of Randolph County, NC, remarked that prior to that evening, he had only thought he had experienced southern hospitality, but Ruth and Jane had truly shown him the real meaning of warmth and welcome.

The reunion revolved around a covered dish / pot luck lunch. Allreds mingled around, viewing displays and sharing stories prior to the meal. Several Allred Family Cookbooks and briefcases were sold, raising money for the AFO and Allred Family Roster. While everyone finished their meal, Woody gave a talk, welcoming everyone to the reunion and telling a little of the family history. Linda Allred Cooper also spoke, telling about the new DNA project that the East Coast Allred Family Association is participating in. (See page 3 for more info about this project.)

The Alabama Allred Reunion is held the first Sunday of June each year. For information about next year's reunion, contact Martha Jo Allred at mallredmj@aol.com or 341 County Road #91, Rogersville, AL 35652.

Allred cousins around the table in the dining room of Ruth Ashwander's antique filled anti-bellum home.

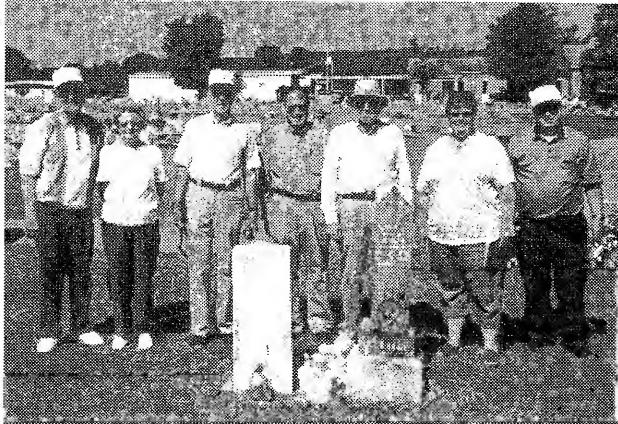


Photo taken at Hopewell Cemetery in Cullman, Alabama. From left: Lawrence Allen (NC), Dot Allred Allen (NC), Franklin Allred (NC), Dewel Lott (AL), Woody Jackson (TN), Linda Allred Cooper (NC), Gene Wood (TN).

Letter Written October 19, 1849

To Solomon and Mary Allred from their son and daughter-in-law
Thomas and Ruhannah Allred

Thanks to Sarah Lehman of Clemmons, NC for sharing this letter.

To Solomon Allred, Robertsville, Tennessee

Shelbyville, Ind. October 19th 1849

Dear Father & Mother

Your letter of the 18th of September last has been received and we were glad to hear that you were all well at that time. We are well at present and have enjoyed good health generally.

In reference to your proposition to me and the other brothers concerning one or the other of us coming to live with you and take the farm would suit me very well. It would be a great help to me. Also it would afford me great pleasure to be with you and render you all the comfort and assistance I could in your helpless and declining years.

But still I don't see that I can possibly come and comply with the proposition because I now have a large family of small children and it is so far to move and my circumstances are such that I do not feel myself able to bear up under the necessary loss and sacrifices in fixing up to move and to undergo the expense of the traveling with my goods and family. In short I am too poor to come just now.

The health of this country has generally been unusual good the past season and a fair average of all kinds of crops except what which was cut quite short by the ____ produce bears fair prices. Corn 30 cts - potatoes 20 cts - Flour \$3.00 per cwt, wheat from 60 to 90 cents per bu, ____ 3 cts pr pound. We have a rail road now in operation to our town from Madison on the Ohio and the cars make daily trips. They place every morning and return in the evening.

Peggy Montgomery and family are well. Jackson Aldridge and myself will likely be out to see you this winter some time to see unless we get disappointed in our calculations we are talking that way now. I wish to be remembered to John Keys and William Tunnell and all my ____ friends. Hope this letter will find you all very well and that I will still hear from occasionally. I want you to write to me certain so soon as you get an answer from the other two boys. As nothing more at present but remain your affectionate Son and Daughter until death

Thomas Alred
Ruhannah Alred

Indenture Between Joseph Bar and William Allred of Franklin County, Georgia

This Indenture made the twenty sixth Day of June one Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety six Between Joseph Bar of the County of Franklin and State of Georgia of the one part and William Allred of the County & state aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Joseph Bar and in consideration of the sum of one Hundred pounds lawful Money of said State to him in Hand paid by the said William Allred at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted Bargained sold Released & Confirmed and by these presents doth grant Bargain sell and Confirm unto the said William Allred all that tract or parcel of land containing seventy five acres be the same more or less Situate Lying and being on the Waters of Leatherwood in said County of Franklin being part of a tract of Land Originally granted to Jacob Pennington and conveyed from him the said Pennington to Duncan Cameron & from him the said Cameron to Joseph Bar which will appease by the different Conveyances grant Bearing date the thirty first Day of December one Thousand one Thousand seen Hundred and ninety five signed by his excellency George Matthew then Governor of the State of Georgia which will more fully appear by references being had the original grant the same being part of the tract Conveyed from D Cameron to Joseph Bar being the lower part of said tract adjoining Spencers line on the Eart North by Vacant Land and continues up said Creek of Leatherwood to a conditional line at the known main fork of said Creek and run Parallel with the lower or Spencers line & South & Southwest adjoining Dunnagins Land - Together with all and Singular the Rights Members and appurtenances thereof to the said William Allred all that tract or parcel of Land belonging as in any wise appertaining with the Remainders Reversions Rents issues and profits thereof and every part thereof To have and to hold that parcel of land and every thereof to the said William Allred his Heirs and assigns forever and the said Joseph Bar for himself and his Heirs and assigns the said tract of Land on the premises aforesaid and every part thereof unto the said William Allred his Heirs and against all and every other Person and Persons whatsoever shall and will Warrant and forever Defend by these presents In Witness whereof the said Joseph Bar hath hereunto set his Hand and seal the Day and year first above Written Joseph Bar

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
Robert Parker
Thomas Cox
John Dickerson (his mark)

Georgia - Franklin County Personally came Robert Parker before me a Justice of the peace for said and being duly sworne saith that he saw Joseph Bar sign and deliver the annexed Deed of Conveyance to William Allred

Robert Parker
Sworne to this 11th April 1797

James Terrill JP
Recorded 8th June 1797

William Allred was the second son of the "original" Thomas. He married Elizabeth Thrasher/Thresher. The couple left Randolph County, NC, in 1787 with four young children, Sarah, Mary, James and Elizabeth. Their other children, Isaac, William, John and Martha were born in Pendleton County, SC, or Franklin County, GA. By 1796, the family was living in northern Franklin County, Georgia, (now either Stephens or Banks County) on the Leatherwood Creek near Currahee Mountain.

An Allred Valentine

Submitted by W. Darrell Allred

Reuben L., John C. Robert J., Clemmons, Phineas, Solomon

John C. Allred and Cora L. Giles were married May 7, 1882. I was told he worked in Greensboro, NC, for a short time at some point during their marriage. Perhaps that was the absence during which he wrote the following letter. The letter is especially significant because their sixth child was already a year old when he wrote this letter. Darrell Allred has a photocopy of the original manuscript of the letter.

February 14, 1891

From a friend whose heart is love

To: Miss C. L. Giles

Dear friend it is with feelings of love and gratitude that I take my pen in hand to drop you a few lines this beautiful and lovely day, being the day that we call Saint Valentine's day.

My Dear Love I am well and hoping that while writing these few lines that you are enjoying the same. This day brings forth things fresh to my mind that occurred in the past, it brings things to my mind that make my heart overflow with Love when I think of the Golden Moments we have spent together in the most loving manner that two persons could enjoy.

If I could see the smile of your beautiful face today it would soothe my fears, increase my hope and make me the happiest boy the world ever saw, but such cannot be the case today. I can only look at your beautiful portraits and gaze on them with tears of love. After all this does not satisfy my emotion. Your heart seems to me like it is filled with loving kindness. God in his tender mercy permits me to write to you this day these few lines. And if I have written or will write you anything untrue I hope he will not permit me to even write to you again. I love to linger in my mind the words you have said to me. With these few lines I close my letter with these few verses hoping they will be read with your warmest love.

Please turn to the alphabet and see if you can find the first three letters of my name. Please answer soon as possible. And this is the end.

John

Poem written by John with his letter to Cora on Valentine's Day 1891

Stop my dear and think of me
How often we have been together
And how soon we may parted be
No more to see each other.

When I reflect on things that are past
It fills my heart with love
And hope to be with you at last
In yonder's world above.

Keep your promise and don't forget
What you have meant to me
And I will always think it best
To love no one but thee.

It is always pleasure to me
To write to a loving friend
But how awful it would be
To think that writing had no end.

The day is swiftly passing away
And Evening's shade is coming fast
And it would take another day
To tell you all my love at last.

Pen and ink will fail to give
A full description of my love
But I will tell you if I live
By the help of God above.

Oh how could I ever slight
Such a lovely girl as you
If I was to try with all my might
I could not find a friend so true.

The sun is sinking behind the mountains deep
Away beyond my gazing sight
I'll how ask the Lord if he will keep
My dear little Cora through the night.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Allred Family Newsletter is absolutely outstanding. I enjoy the historical information such as Pendleton District, South Carolina; Franklin County, Georgia, and The Allred Trek Westward, etc.

Thank you for the article on page 10 of the Spring 2002 issue (No. 50) on John Calvin Allred Jr.) I believe I can identify John Calvin Allred Sr., B 1839 D 1925 and John Calvin Allred Jr., B 1858. They are the uncle and first cousin of my grandmother, Margaret Jane Allred, B 1862, Pickens Co., Georgia. She is the daughter of the Rev. William Brantley Allred, B 1862, Pickens Co., Georgia. She is the daughter of the Rev. William Brantley Allred, B 13 Feb. 1838, Hall Co., Georgia.

My genealogy records of the research I've done on my grandmother's lineage show that her father, William Brantley Allred and John Calvin Allred Sr. B 27 July 1839, Hall Co., Georgia, were brothers. They were the sons of Miranda Allred and Delilah Free Allred. They are found on the 1850 census of Hall County, Georgia, as 11-year-old and 12-year-old children. Ten years later, the two brothers are found next to each other on the 1860 census of Cherokee County, Georgia.

William Brantley Allred and John Calvin Allred Sr. had six younger sisters and one younger half-brother. Their names are: Mary Carolina Allred B 1841 M John Bolen; Margaret Elvina Allred B 1843 M William Whitfield; Martha Calvania Allred, B 1845 M Louis Oliver; Sarah Jane Allred, B 1846 M Louis Oliver; Sarah Jane Allred, B 1846 M Benson Bridy; Celia Ann Allred, B 1848; Elizabeth Catherine Allred, B 1850 M Alfred Cochran and Elias Simon Allred, B 1855 M Beverly Adams.

Their father, Miranda Allred, was born 17 April 1814, Randolph County, North Carolina, and died in 1905 in Jasper, Pickens County, Georgia. Their mother was Delilah (Lila) Free born about 1815-18, Lexington County, South Carolina, D about 1851.

Miranda Allred was a grandson of the Revolutionary War soldier, Elias Allred, B May 1758 in North Carolina and Mary (Polly) Rigby Allred. The 1827 school records of Hall County, Georgia, names Miranda's mother as Mary Allred. His father's name is unknown to me.

My records show that the correct lineage of John Calvin Allred Jr., the subject of the page 10 article, to be (John Calvin Jr., John Calvin Sr., Miranda, Mary, Elias, Thomas).

I am, as always, looking forward to the next issue of the Allred Family Newsletter. All of the wonderful work put into it by all the contributors is very much appreciated.

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Notes and Comments on the Renewal Forms

You have done a great job reorganizing the AFO and bringing some needed processes into place. How about polling members to see if they would be interested in publishing a membership directory. It would be nice to know who the members are and how to contact them.

Kerry Marshall, Round Hill, VA

Keep it coming! I read it all!

Tonya Spencer, Moraine, Ohio

I enjoy the Utah Allred stories the most. Anything from the Isaac Allred and William Moore Allred line really hits close to home for me. Thanks so much!

Robert Knighton, West Bountiful, Utah

Texas and Oklahoma Trip

A group of North Carolina Allreds are planning to attend the Texas Reunion (see page 2) and then travel to Pryor, OK, to visit the Allred Theater located north and east of Tulsa. If you want more details, contact Linda Allred Cooper, 919/542-3077, lacooper@mindspring.com.

Reuben Warren, Allred, Sr. and Lucy Ann Butler

A book about the life of Reuben Warren Allred, Sr. and Lucy Ann Butler, is being prepared for publication by Dawnell Griffin. She is in the process of writing, compiling stories and collecting pictures for this link in the Allred family chain. Reuben Warren's family line is: Reuben Warren, Sr., James, William, Thomas.

Your help is solicited in gathering information for the production of this book. If you have information, stories, artifacts, photographs that you feel should be included in this book, please contact Dawnell Griffin, Rt #1, POB 168, Fairview, UT 84629, 435/427-9314 or griffin@cut.net.

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Long-lost “Signature” Quilt Returned to Church

Eddie Clay and Carolyn Allred of Franklinville, NC, collect quilts. Currently they have about 300. One of the quilts they purchased about four years ago on a local radio swap shop for \$25 was returned to the original owners.

The “signature” quilt, made in 1947-48 by the Ladies Auxiliary at Franklinville Pentecostal Holiness Church was missing for a long time. It was not stolen or misplaced, just missing.

Signature quilts, sometimes called friendship quilts, were popular as early as the 1830s. There were more than 136 signatures on the quilt he returned to the church. The quilt squares originally sold for 50 cents each, with the signature of the purchaser embroidered on each square. The quilt was probably fashioned as a fund-raiser to assist the cost of adding on to the church building.

After the quilt was purchased, he recognized several of the names on it. He met someone who went the church where the quilt was made. He requested permission to return the quilt to the church.

The quilt is old and worn with threads missing and a torn back. It is priceless to the members of the small church.

The return by Eddie Clay Allred has sparked memories of those who signed the quilt. Return of the 54-year old quilt has stirred such interest that the women of the church are in the process of making another quilt.

From an article in *The Courier-Tribune*, Asheboro, NC, Friday, June 21, 2002

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